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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		5,745,878	04/28/1998	Hashimoto et al.	705	1	04/10/1995
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

		Freeland, <u>The Ultimate CRM Handbook</u> , McGraw Hill, New York, 2003, Chapter 1, pp. 3-9

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